

Statement of Substance of Interview

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Belousov for conducting a telephone interview with Applicant's attorney, Dale G. Mohlenhoff, on January 27, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's attorney presented arguments distinguishing Applicant's claims from the cited Rathbone, Ricart, Enin and Langer references. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections, and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant's attorney also proposed possible amendments.

Applicant's attorney understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that the claims, amended as discussed during the interview to highlight aspects of the claimed invention, may distinguish over the references of record. Applicant herein amends independent claims 1, 8, 16, 25, 34 and 37 to highlight the noted features as discussed during the interview. No claims are canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 8-23, 25-32 and 34-38 are believed to be allowable over the cited documents.